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Current Trends

The sale of *U.S. Savings Bonds* broke all records in the second quarter of the year... with $1.92 billion sold... up 9.5 percent from the second quarter of 1975. The first half of the year was likewise ahead of 1975... totaling $3.9 billion... a 7 percent rise over last year.

While *Savings Bonds* sales were increasing... deposits into ***Mutual Savings Banks*** and other thrift institutions slowed to a trickle in June. Apparently attracted by a higher interest rate on *Savings Bonds* and other competitive investment opportunities... savers increased their deposits in ***Mutual Savings Banks*** by only $10 million during the month... compared to a rise of $550 million in May... and a record $746 million in June 1975. Preliminary figures indicate a decline of $1.75 billion in net savings flow into ***S&Ls*** in June... compared to June 1975.

Yields fell at the *FNMA* mid-July auction of 4-month commitments to buy mortgages on both *Government*-backed and conventional loans. For the third straight auction, yields declined on the sale of $88.4 million in *Government*-backed mortgages... while yields on $82 million in commitments for conventional loans... which had risen at the previous auction... also dropped.

Urban renewal project notes totaling $223.1 million... representing 71 local issuing agencies... were sold in mid-July at an average interest rate of 3.236 percent. The average interest rate for the $250.4 million of project notes sold a month earlier was 3.182 percent.

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Solar Energy Grants Available

***HUD* is accepting applications for a second round of grants to install and test solar energy systems in single and multifamily homes.**

Charles J. Orlebeke, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, said grants would be made only to builders and developers who market the homes after they are completed. Funding will not be considered for pre-sold units nor for individuals for their private homes.

The first round of grants for experimental systems to heat and cool homes by solar energy was awarded by ***HUD*** in January. There were 48 grants... totaling $963,848... divided among 136 units in 27 States. Grantees in the first round are free to compete for this and succeeding rounds.

Submissions will be judged according to criteria printed in the application material. Deadline for receipt of this round is September 1. Winners are expected to be announced later in the fall.

Application forms may be obtained from: *RFGA Integrated Projects, HUD* Solar Staff, Room 8158, Dept. of *HUD*, Washington, D.C. 20410.

'Quality of Service' Grants Made

***HUD* has announced grants to 10 State and local jurisdictions totaling $1 million to demonstrate new methods of helping public officials get better results for every tax dollar spent.**

Some 165 localities applied for productivity improvement grants under the program. The winners showed the best prospects of:

- Maintaining the same quantity or quality of service at lower cost;
- Increasing the quantity or quality of service at the same or lower cost; or
- Improving working conditions without lowering the quality or quantity of service or raising costs.

Projects selected show potential for widespread application by other State or local governments. Results and experiences will be evaluated and published for use by other jurisdictions.

The winners were announced by Charles J. Orlebeke, ***HUD*** Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. The grants are part of ***HUD's*** *Innovative Projects Program* to help strengthen the capability of local governments through demonstration projects which can serve as models for other jurisdictions.

The awards were made to: **Akron; Anaheim, San Diego, and Santa Clara, California; Eight Iron Range Communities, Eveleth, Minnesota; Brantley County, Georgia; States of Illinois, Oregon, and Rhode Island; and Washington, D.C.**

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Lead Paint Program Expanded

President Ford has signed into law the *National Consumer Health Information and Health Promotion Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-317).* Among other things. . . the new law extends and gives the ***Federal Agencies*** involved. . . ***HEW, HUD,*** and ***Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)***. . . new authority under the *Federal Lead-Paint Poisoning Prevention Program*. . . including the requirement that ***CPSC*** determine whether the current maximum lead-level allowed in paints is safe.

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219 Special Census Conducted in Second Half of 1975

Special population censuses were conducted in 219 local jurisdictions during the second half of 1975. . . according to the *Census Bureau*.

The new report shows that the 219 special censuses were distributed among 25 States. The most populous place enumerated was **Phoenix, Arizona**, where the 1975 total was 669,005. The smallest place enumerated was **Balltown, Iowa**, which was found to have a population of 109.

A special census typically is conducted at the request and expense of a local government, and results are sometimes used to update the population base for State tax fund allocations.

Information collected in a special census is usually limited to a count of all persons by age, sex, race, and their relationship to the head of household. Additional questions may be asked if the local government is willing to bear the cost.

For those areas which have had annexations since the 1970 census, the report includes a table which provides the population count of the annexations as of the date of the special census.

Copies of the report, *Summary of Special Censuses Conducted by the* ***Bureau of the Census Between July 1, 1975, and December 31, 1975, P-28, No. 1537,*** **may be obtained for 35 cents from the *Superintendent of Documents*, Washington, D.C. 20402.**

Housing Management Awards Made

Six awards were announced for "outstanding contributions in improving the quality of life in multifamily housing." Samuel J. Simmons, President of the ***National Center for Housing Management***, announced the award recipients. The ***Center***... which was created by *Presidential Executive Order* in 1972... has as its mission the providing of objective and independent leadership at the national level to help meet the Nation's housing management and training needs.

The winners: **Jerome Steinbaum**, President, ***SK Management Company***, and President of ***Kaufman and Broad Asset Company***, Los Angeles - *Managing Agent of the Year;* **Earl Phillips**, Director of Housing, ***Newark Redevelopment and Housing Authority*** - *Local Housing Agency Director of Management of the Year;* **Guerrino Scampoli**, Executive Director, ***Village of Tuckahoe Housing Authority***, Tuckahoe, New York - *Local Housing Agency Executive Director of the Year;* **Mrs. Nancy B. McGarrigle**, Manager, ***Finlay House***, Columbia, South Carolina - *On-site Manager of the Year;* **Sister Margaret Mary Toomey**, Manager, ***Home of Oakridge***, Des Moines, Iowa - *Tenant Manager of the Year;* and **Ms. Delores Briggs**, resident, ***Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority***, Portsmouth, Virginia - *Resident of the Year.*

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200 Years of U.S. Architecture Honored

A special Bicentennial issue of the *AIA Journal*... published by the *American Institute of Architects* has been issued. It contains the results of a survey of a representative sample of 46 architectural practitioners, historians, and critics expressing their opinions on the outstanding buildings and projects in the country in the last 200 years. Respondents named 260 individual buildings and projects as their choices for the 'outstanding' accolade.

Leading the list... with 29 nominations, is Thomas Jefferson's design for the campus and grounds of the **University of Virginia**. This was followed by **Rockefeller Center in New York... Saarinen's Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C... Frank Lloyd Wright's 'Falling Water' residence near Pittsburgh... Louis H. Sullivan's Carson, Pirie & Scott department store in Chicago...** and **Henry Hobson Richardson's Trinity Church in Boston.**

All sections of the U.S. were represented by the nominations... with selections in 140 communities in 36 States and jurisdictions. **New York City** led... with 29 nominations... followed by **Chicago** with 25... **Boston** with 14... and **Philadelphia** with 13.

Copies of the publication are available from *AIA*, 1735 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, for $5.

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Unusual Exposition Planned

The *Producers' Council* will get it all together for members of the building team. The first project of its kind ever to be developed, planned, and produced solely by manufacturers of building products on a nationwide basis is scheduled for exhibition at Chicago's McCormick Place, November 17-19.

The *Building & Construction Exposition & Conference (BCEC)*, is a milestone event being sponsored by the ***Producers' Council***... the national organization which for 55 years has represented manufacturers of quality building products.

Richard I. Morris of ***W.R. Grace & Co.***, president of ***Producers' Council***, stated: "This is a long-overdue and much needed step. Up to now... there has been no central site where all members of the building team could gather to exchange ideas and gain new product information. Exhibitors and visitors from the various disciplines which make up our industry have always had to participate in several trade shows every year in order to remain alert to changing influences in the construction marketplace. *BCEC* can change all that."

To date... more than 150 exhibitors have contracted for space. Up to 15,000 domestic and overseas visitors are expected to attend the *Exposition*, with some 1,000 registering for one or more of the *Conference* sessions.

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National Asphalt Pavement Association. . . Annual Mid-Year Meeting. . . Dallas, August 20-22. **Details:** ***NAPA*****, Calvert Bldg., Suite 620, 6811 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale, Md 20840 (301/779-4880).**

Urban and Regional Information Systems Association. . . Annual Convention. . . Atlanta, August 27-September 2. **Details:** ***URISA*****, 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202/223-8240).**

Illuminating Engineering Society. . . Annual Technical Conference and International Lighting Exposition. . . Cleveland, August 29-September 2. **Details: Linda Madden,** ***IES*****, 345 East 47th St., New York. N.Y. 10017.**

International Federation of Landscape Architects. . . Annual Congress. . . Istanbul, Turkey, September 6-9. **Details: Secretariat,** ***IFLA Congress*****, Arco Velho, Sintra, Portugal.**

Interactive Resources, Inc. . . Conference on Solar Energy Applications for Buildings. . . Oakland, September 11-12. **Details:** ***IRI****, Energy Conference Information,* **39 Washington Ave., Point Richmond, California 94801.**

Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. . . *Annual Convention. . .* Boston, September 12-17. **Details:** ***ABC*****, P.O. Box 8733, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, MD 21240.**

American Institute of Steel Construction. . . Annual Convention. . . White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., September 13-15. **Details:** ***AISC****, Annual Convention Information,* **1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.**

Manufactured Housing Institute. . . 1976 National Suppliers Show & Builders Home Center. . . Memphis, September 14-16. **Details:** ***MHI*****, Box 17014, Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C. 20041 (703/968-6970).**

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